

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Control station for controlling a plurality of accessories (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4) on the exterior of an aircraft, the control station including:

- a single visual display unit (8);
- a single hand operable manipulation device (10);
- 5 - a selection facility (22) for selecting an accessory (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4) to be controlled;

the control station being arranged such that upon selection of an accessory (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4) the single hand operable manipulation device (10) is usable for controlling the selected accessory (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4); and

10 the control station being further arranged such that upon selection of an accessory (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4) the visual display unit (8) is operated to display information relating to the selected accessory (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4).

2. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 1, wherein a switching unit (6) is provided and control lines lead from the accessories (a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4) to the switching unit (6) and wherein a single control line leads from the switching unit (6) to the visual display unit (8).

3. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the selection facility (22) is included within the visual display unit (8).

4. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 3, wherein the selection facility comprises a plurality of selection switches~~(22)~~ around the periphery of a screen~~(21)~~, the visual display unit~~(8)~~ being arranged such as to indicate the function of a respective selection switch~~(22)~~ in a screen region adjacent to a respective one of the selection switches.

5 5. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the selection facility comprises a plurality of indicator lights~~(22)~~ around the periphery of a touch screen type screen~~(21)~~, the visual display unit~~(8)~~ being arranged such as to indicate the function of the respective indicator lights~~(22)~~ in a screen region adjacent to the respective ones of the indicator lights~~(22)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) Control station according to ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the control station further comprises means~~(11, 12)~~ for support the visual display unit~~(8)~~ and the hand operable manipulation device~~(10)~~, the support means~~(11, 12)~~ being positionable adjacent to an aircraft seat~~(13)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 6, wherein the visual display unit is supported by the support means~~(11, 12)~~ in a variable manner such as to be positionable in a position in front of an operator seated in an aircraft seat~~(13)~~ and in a position on one side of the aircraft seat~~(13)~~ for not inhibiting entry into and exit of the aircraft seat~~(13)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Control station according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the support means ~~(11, 12)~~ comprises a receptacle positionable on a side of an aircraft ~~(13)~~, the visual display unit being located within the receptacle.